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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

2nd of Dhanu 1105.

Tuesday, the

17th of December 1929.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar alone was absent.

Questions and Answers.

Works undertaken by the P. W. D. without budget provision.

31. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of work above Rs. 1,000 undertaken by the Public Works Department in the last three years up-to-date for which there were no provisions in the budget of each year?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Government consider that the labour involved in preparing the lists is not commensurate with the purpose served.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Are there many such items?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There cannot be many. But they are distributed over several years, during several months of the year. It will take a lot of time to find out the necessary information.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How many items will there be?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I am unable to say exactly now.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was this answer given without looking into the papers?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The papers were looked into. I am unable to say how many items.

Allotment for the Economic Development Board.

32. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what amount was allotted for the Economic Development Board for the year 1104 and what are the details of the expenditure incurred by the Board.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide statement appended.
(Appendix I.)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the experiments undertaken? In the schedule in Appendix I the amount for experiments is given as Rs. 1,264. May I know what are the experiments?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The experiments are bee-keeping, poultry-farming and various cottage industries for which we have been giving bonuses to the villagers for the promotion of these industries.

Average daily attendance in the Hospitals and Dispensaries.

33. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the average daily attendance of

(1) Out-patients, and

(2) In-patients in each of the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State for the year 1104?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Vide statement appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Supply of timber to the contractors and purchasers.

34. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state for the year 1104:—

(1) the hill depot measurements of the quantity of (a) teak and (b) ebony supplied to each of the contractors or purchasers separately;

(2) the reduction allowed to each of them and the quantity for which price was realised from each?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) No timber was supplied to any contractor during the year 1104 from the O. W. C. stock but purchasers were supplied with (a) Cds. 910—3—13—3½ of teak and (b) Cds. 51—23—21—0 of ebony during the period.

(2) No reduction was allowed to any one, but price was realised for about candies 1100 in excess of the hill depot measurements from a number of purchasers together.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know how this excess over the measurement was brought about? Hitherto we were having a reduction. In your time an excess is found. There is some difference between the hill depot measurement and the measurement in the plains. May I know how this excess was brought about?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—When we dispose of timber, we take the actual measurement, but in the hills we allow a certain percentage for defects and all that.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Were no such reductions given in previous years?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—They were given.